



PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 01413.0010-00000

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
Jeffrey D. SAFFER ) Group Art Unit: 1631  
Application No.: 09/409,260 ) Examiner: Channing Mahatan  
Filed: September 30, 1999 )  
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR )  
EXTRACTING ATTRIBUTES )  
FROM SEQUENCE STRINGS )  
AND BIOPOLYMER MATERIAL )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

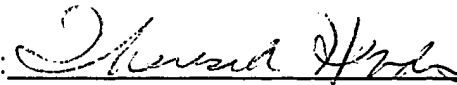
Applicant hereby petitions for a one month extension of time to reply to the Office  
Action of November 4, 2003. A fee of \$110.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge  
any additional required fees to Deposit Account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: March 4, 2004

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